THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 7th March 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

The Andhra Province.

* 10 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of Madras forwarded their recommendations to the Government of India on the findings of the Partition Committee for the formation of the Andhra Province;

(*b*) when their recommendations were submitted;

(*c*) whether the Government of India have communicated either their interim or final decision and if so, what it is; and

(*d*) whether the Government will place on the table of the House all the concerned papers together with the correspondence which passed between the two Governments on the question of the Andhra Province?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) On the 4th January 1950.

" (*c*) The final reply from the Government of India has been received and the substance of their decision is that they are unable to agree to the formation of the Andhra Province now and that the question can be taken up again only after the outstanding differences and unresolved questions have been settled.

" (*d*) The Government consider that it will not be in the public interest to place on the table of the House the correspondence referred to by the hon. Member, but they will be issuing shortly a Press Note giving the gist of it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Press Note will contain all the outstanding differences and unresolved questions also? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That will certainly contain the salient points in the reply of the Government of India which, according to us, could be released."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know whether all the grounds on which the formation of the Andhra Province was postponed will be set forth so that they may resolve their difficulty and it may also help the formation of a united Karnataka Province? "

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not think that this Note will cover all the points referred to by the hon. Member."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know whether this Government think that the formation of the Andhra Province is an insoluble problem or whether there is any possibility of the new Province being formed in the lifetime of this Legislature? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I thought I had given enough material for deductions by the hon. Member in my reply."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the unresolved questions and the differences to which the Government of India refers are, in the opinion of the Government, such that practically it means the formation of the Andhra State is given up? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Press Communiqué will certainly contain all that we could possibly give. It is open to the hon. Member, after getting the Press Communiqué, to resolve such doubts as may arise in his mind by any interpellations he likes."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Is not the question dead and buried? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The question of death and burial does not arise with regard to these questions but I do not think we can consider constitutional questions of this sort in this way."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Will the Government reconsider the advisability of furnishing the entire correspondence so that we may sit across the table and resolve our differences and present a united front for the formation of the Andhra Province as well as other linguistic Provinces? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Everything is possible if we only make up our mind to come to a decision."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" May I know whether any attempts are being made to resolve the differences? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is left to the parties concerned, not to the Members of the Council here."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it that the Government are not a party in this matter? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Certainly they are a party in the matter. Unfortunately all the Members of the Government are not in this House."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Is the opinion of the Government unanimous or divided, so far as this question is concerned? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" We have already communicated to the public as to what we have intended or

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what we have already committed ourselves to certain questions the answers of which the public are aware of. If any further information is wanted, we shall certainly give."

Electrification scheme for the Dendulur Firka.

* 11 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an electrification scheme for the Dendulur Firka has been sanctioned;

(*b*) if so, whether any progress has been made since the date of its sanction; and

(*c*) when the scheme is scheduled to be completed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The materials required for the scheme are being collected by the Government Electricity Department and necessary staff is being posted to take up the work.

" (*c*) In about 12 months from the date of commencement of work."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Is there enough power from the Bezwada Thermal Station at present? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As at present, we do not have sufficient power. We propose to erect two new 3,000 K.W. Turbo-alternator sets at the Vijayavada power station and then we will have power."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Is the installation of the power station in operation? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We hope to commission it by 1950."

Districts in this State where there is no College.

* 12 *Q*.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any district in the State, in which there is no College (second grade or first grade); and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to establish a College of its own in such district or districts, and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) Yes, the Nilgiris district; and

" (*b*) There was a proposal but it had to be deferred on account of financial stringency."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is not the College at Bellary coming to a close on the 31st March 1950? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" They have only to thank themselves if they are going to close."